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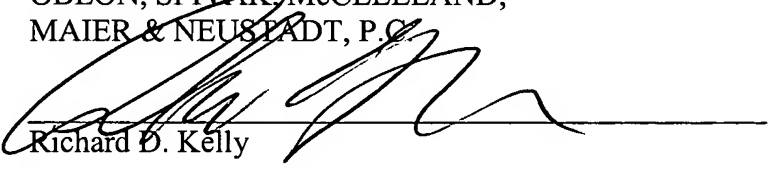
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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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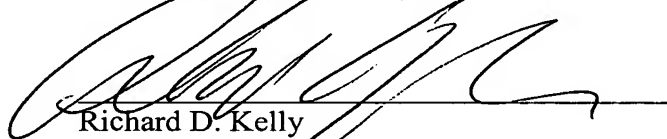
In response to the Notice of Allowability dated July 31, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit comments on the statement of reasons for allowance regarding the above-identified application..

The statement of reasons for allowance of Claim 37 provided at page 3 of the Notice of Allowability indicates that “[t]he most relevant prior does not disclose, nor does it reasonably suggest an optoelectronic module ..., where the lenses and the reflector form a unitary optical element *with a biconvex top surface and an internally reflecting bottom surface*” (emphasis original). However, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 37 recites “said one or more optical lenses and said optical reflector being formed as different surfaces of a unitary optical element of light transmitting material; and said unitary optical element having *a lenticular top surface* and an internally reflecting bottom surface” (emphasis added in italic)

Also, the statement of reasons for allowance of Claim 114 indicates that “[t]he relevant prior art does not disclose, nor does it reasonably suggest an optoelectronic module comprising a unitary optical element with a *biconvex* top surface and an internally reflecting bottom surface” (emphasis original). Applicants, however, respectfully submit that Claim 114 recites “[a]n optoelectronic module comprising: ... an optical reflector formed as a surface of a unitary optical element of light transmitting material ...; and one or more optical lenses formed as another surface of said unitary optical element of light transmitting material having a *lenticular top surface* and an internally reflecting bottom surface ...” (emphasis added in *italic*).

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